

Dear Friend:

Congress has a responsibility to listen to the people and advance policy solutions that reflect the nation's priorities. Too regularly in this Congress, however, the voices of the American people have been ignored in favor of a partisan and politically-driven agenda. The American people have been speaking out against what they've seen; Democrats in Congress just haven't been listening. And you cannot govern by ignoring the American people.

To close this growing disconnect between the agenda of the American people and the policies being pursued in Washington, we are introducing America Speaking Out. This is an effort to create a new policy agenda that respects the voices to the American people. Rather than creating an agenda out of back rooms in Washington, we are seeking an open process of engagement that allows all Americans to be a part of setting the policy.

Regardless of party affiliation, we want all people to engage in this national dialogue of ideas. And to seek out America's input we are going to them, with town hall meetings, telephone town halls, social media tools, and a revolutionary online forum for debate. At *America Speaking Out*, all Americans are invited to submit their ideas for a policy agenda and take part in a national discussion of solutions.

As Republicans, we know our principles and have demonstrated that we have better solutions than those put forward by Democrats. But we also know that leadership requires a willingness

to listen to priorities of those we represent. By giving Americans a new outlet to have their ideas affect the policy pursued in Washington, we can ensure that the wisdom and will of the people is once again given its proper respect in the policy process.

I encourage you to join Americans from all walks of life in speaking out to get America back on track. below is the widget that will connect you to AmericaSpeakingOut.com, we want to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Congressman Kevin McCarthy